

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

Sing P Chan

Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to September 1, 2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 37-47.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 29 September 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 37-47 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The claims recite a method for producing a visual display of an image carried by a planar carrier for commendation, commemoration, information, or award. The method includes the step of laminating together a composite using a laminator with the surface area feeding to a laminating roller covered with a masonite sheet coated with silicon for feeding the protective laminate, the carrier, and an adhesive film, and laminating the composite to a display solid. Aitkens et al (U.S. 5,380,044) discloses a method of making an identification card. The method comprises of providing transparent silicon coated vinyl sheet, i.e. image carrier with the desired image, providing a plastic substrate, and bonding the transparent vinyl sheet to the substrate. (See Abstract and Figure1) The plastic substrate provides the needed rigidity and satisfied the requirement of plastic block, i.e. a solid material with one or more flat sides. Aitkens et al does not disclose using a laminator with the surface area feeding to a laminating roller covered with a masonite sheet coated with silicon for feeding and laminating the transparent silicon coated vinyl sheet, plastic substrate, and the transparent vinyl sheet together. Bisker (U.S. 5,863,632) discloses a decorative photographic tile, which is used to convey information such as a product or logo (Col 2, lines 46-51). The tile is formed by laminating a clear vinyl layer with a pressure sensitive adhesive one side onto a photographic image carrier. Then, a pressure sensitive mounting film with a release

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backing is laminate onto the photographic image carrier and clear vinyl layer laminate. The resulting laminate can be affixed to the floor or other rigid base, i.e. a display solid. (Col 3, lines 20-48, Col 4, lines 30-34) Bisker does not disclose using a laminator with the surface area feeding to a laminating roller covered with a masonite sheet coated with silicon for feeding and laminating the clear vinyl layer with the pressure sensitive mounting film onto the photographic image carrier together. Muzik (U.S. 4,197,151) discloses a method of mounting a graphic laminate such as a photograph or other sheet like graphic to a flat mounting base for the purpose of visual train aid, domestic and commercial artwork, and other pictorial representations. (See abstract and Col 3, lines 23-30) Muzik does not disclose using a laminator with the surface area feeding to a laminating roller covered with a masonite sheet coated with silicon for feeding and laminating a plastic sheet, an adhesive sheet, image sheet, and a display solid together. Semcuck (U.S. 4,268,345) discloses an apparatus for continuous laminating. The apparatus includes heating shoe adjacent to the laminating rollers and the shoe's surface includes a layer or sheet of Teflon-coated fiberglass. (Col 2, line 44 to Col 3, line 10) Semcuck does not disclose the apparatus include a masonite sheet coated with silicon for feeding and laminating plastic material. A search of the prior art of record did not disclose reference or references in combination with the recited feature.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sing P Chan whose telephone number is 571-272-1225. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 7:30AM-11:00AM and 12:00PM-4:00PM.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Christopher A Fiorilla can be reached on 571-272-1187. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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